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Land Revenue Administration

Appointment of ministerial servants disbanded from Survey and Settlement parties in preference to Madras Services Commission candidates.

* 620 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total number is of ministerial servants disbanded from the Settlement and Survey parties;

(*b*) what the principle adopted is in reappointing them and the basis on which they are distributed throughout the Presidency;

(*c*) on what grounds they are preferred and appointed when the Services Commission candidates are available; and

(*d*) when these persons were first appointed in Survey and Settlement departments, whether it was understood that these departments are not permanent and consequently they would have to go away on the termination of work in the particular district?

A.—(*a*) From the information available with the Government, it appears that 92 clerks in the Settlement parties and 37 clerks in the Survey department were discharged as a measure of retrenchment. The Government are unable to give the total number of clerks discharged as surplus to requirements.

(*b*) & (*c*) Qualified clerks discharged, owing to retrenchment, are eligible for appointment to the Madras Ministerial Service in any office and are entitled under rule 6 (3) of the Retrenchment and Re-employment Rules to preference over candidates selected by the Madras Services Commission. The Government suggested to the Board of Revenue that the men retrenched from the Settlement parties should be distributed fairly among the districts, and that undue concentration of one community in any district should be avoided. The Board distributed their names accordingly after taking into account the service of each individual and the language with which he was acquainted. The Board was also asked to make an equitable distribution of clerks retrenched from the Survey department and the Government presume that the distribution was made on the same lines.

Qualified clerks, discharged as surplus to requirements, may be appointed to the Madras Ministerial Service at the discretion of the appointing authorities. The appointing authorities are not required, according to the orders at present in force, to give any preference to such clerks over candidates selected by the Madras Services Commission.

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(*d*) It has always been understood that temporary subordinates in the Settlement parties and in the Survey department are liable to be discharged when they become surplus to requirements. They do not necessarily become surplus to requirements on the termination of work in a particular district; nor does it follow that when they are discharged they should be debarred from reappointment in any other department or office.

G.O. No. 773, *Revenue, dated 2nd May* 1933, *regarding contribution by ryots for repairs and improvements to irrigation works.*

* 621 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the **Member** for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of **the House** a copy of G.O. No. 773, Revenue, dated 2nd May 1933;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a **statement** showing the amount demanded and collected in each district, **after** the passing of the above Government Order from the ayacut ryots **as** contribution for repairs or improvements to irrigation works up to **date**; and

(*c*) how many proposals were dropped because of inability on the **part** of the ryots to pay contribution—districtwar figures may be **furnished?**

A.—(*a*) An extract of paragraph III (iii) of the Government Order and of paragraph 73 of Mr. Leach's report referred to therein, is attached.[a]

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" Sir, in view of the exuberant sympathy expressed in favour of rural uplift and reconstruction, may I request the Hon. Member to acquaint himself with the state of affairs of the ryot and call for information with regard to (*b*) and (*c*) and give the benefit of the information to the Council also?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I think it will take far too much time and trouble."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know if the Government is prepared to consider the inadvisability of demanding any amount for a work which the Government ought to undertake themselves?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I think the hon. Member will find the answer in the report given in Appendix VI."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" After having read that report I am putting this question. On the question of repair and construction of irrigation works the responsibility is on the Government. Instead of asking for a contribution will the Government do it themselves?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" Mr. Leach's report will answer that question."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 228–229 infra.